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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. **637**

File No. 513

Cal. No. 370

"AN ACT CONCERNING CHARTER SCHOOLS."

1 Strike lines 1 to 28, inclusive, in their entirety, and insert the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 10-66bb of the general statutes is
4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
5 *passage*):

6 (c) The State Board of Education shall review, annually, all
7 applications and grant charters [, provided for the period from July 1,
8 1997, to June 30, 1999, no more than twenty-four charters for charter
9 schools are granted and, on and after July 1, 1999, no] in accordance
10 with subsection (f) of this section. (1) Except as provided for in
11 subdivision (2) of this subsection, no state charter school [enrolls (1)]
12 shall enroll (A) (i) more than two hundred fifty students, or [(B)] (ii) in

13 the case of a kindergarten to grade eight, inclusive, school, more than
14 three hundred students, or [(2)] (B) twenty-five per cent of the
15 enrollment of the school district in which the state charter school is to
16 be located, whichever is less. (2) In the case of a state charter school
17 found by the State Board of Education to have a demonstrated record
18 of achievement, such school may, upon application to and approval by
19 said board, enroll up to eighty-five students per grade, if within
20 available appropriations. The State Board of Education shall give
21 preference to applicants for charter schools that will serve students
22 who reside in a priority school district pursuant to section 10-266p, as
23 amended, or in a district in which seventy-five per cent or more of the
24 enrolled students are members of racial or ethnic minorities and to
25 applicants for state charter schools that will be located at a work-site or
26 that are institutions of higher education. In determining whether to
27 grant a charter, the State Board of Education shall consider the effect of
28 the proposed charter school on the reduction of racial, ethnic and
29 economic isolation in the region in which it is to be located, the
30 regional distribution of charter schools in the state and the potential of
31 over concentration of charter schools within a school district or in
32 contiguous school districts."